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FOR: CIGARETTE WITH SMOKE
CONSTITUENT ATTENUATOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002, kindly amend the above
identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 10 and 11 to read as follows.

10. A process of producing a cigarette comprising the steps of wrapping a
tobacco rod with paper, determining at which location along the tobacco rod where a
preselected smoke constituent is maximized, and applying an inhibitor/attenuator of the
preselected smoke constituent at the determined rod location, said applying step limited to
said determined rod location.

11. A process as claimed in claim 10 wherein the preselected smoke constituent
is formaldehyde.

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